

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): An information recording medium on which groove tracks, land tracks neighboring the groove tracks grooves and land prebits on the land tracksneighboring the groove are formed,

wherein the groove comprises an embossed area in which an embossed configuration including pits and spaces of predetermined depths is formed; and

wherein the land prebit in the embossed area has an optimized configuration according to a length of the pit or the space which is in the embossed area and which the land prebit neighbors.

2. (currently amended): The information recording medium according to claim 1, wherein the optimized configuration is prescribed by a prebit shift which indicates a length of the land prebit in a perpendicular direction to a direction of the length of the groove track and by a depth of the land prebit.

3. (original): The information recording medium according to claim 2, wherein the prebit shift is determined to be constant for all the lengths of the pit or the space in the embossed area; and wherein the depth of the prebit is determined according to the length of the pit or the space in the embossed area.

4. (currently amended): The information recording medium according to claim 1, wherein the optimized configuration of the land prepit is a configuration with which an RF signal distortion caused by the prepit becomes minimum.